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<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1-13 Cancelled

14. (Currently amended) <u>Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve, in particular</u> for slip-controlled motor vehicle brake systems, comprising:

a valve housing and a first and a second valve closure member arranged in [[a]] the valve housing and being able, in a coaxial arrangement in the valve housing, to open or close a first and a second valve passage, including a pressure fluid inlet and a pressure fluid outlet opening into the valve housing, with the first valve closure member being able to open or close the first valve passage positioned in the second valve closure member in response to the an electromagnetic excitation of a valve coil, and with the second valve closure member opening the second valve passage under the influence of a spring exclusively in the open position of the first valve passage so that pressure fluid prevailing in the pressure fluid inlet propagates to the pressure fluid outlet along a flow route inside the valve housing in which the first and the second valve passage are positioned, wherein the spring is placed outside the flow route, the valve comprising a bowl-shaped stop fixedly secured in a housing step inside the valve housing remote from the flow route, the stop having a bottom wall and an opening through the bottom wall through which the second valve closure member extends, the stop circumscribing a portion of the second valve closure member and forming an annular space between the stop and the second valve closure member, the spring being seated on the bottom wall in the annular space between the stop and second valve closure member wherein the spring is placed outside the flow route, to what end a stop is arranged in the valve housing remote from the flow route, and the end of spring remote from the second valve closure member-being supported on said stop.

15. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 14,

wherein the stop is arranged above a transverse bore opening into the valve housing and being connected to the pressure fluid inlet.

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16. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 15,

wherein the stop is provided at a housing step of the valve housing that is positioned above the transverse bore and whose inside diameter is adapted to the outside diameter of the stop.

17. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 15,

wherein the stop is configured as a sleeve-shaped bowl in whose interior the one an end of the spring is supported on a bowl bottom, which is the stop being positioned with its outside surface on a housing step disposed above the transverse bore in the valve housing.

18. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17,

wherein the stop has a bowl edge remote from the bowl bottom that is angled off in a radial outward direction and bears against the inside wall of the valve housing.

19. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17,

wherein an annular chamber is provided between the outside periphery of the sleeve-shaped bowl and the inside wall of the sleeve-shaped valve housing, establishing a permanent pressure fluid connection between the pressure fluid inlet and a magnet armature chamber through pressure compensating openings arranged in the valve housing and in the sleeve-shaped bowl.

- 20. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 19, wherein the spring extends vertically inside the annular chamber.
- 21. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17,

wherein the one end of an end of the spring remote from the bowl bottom bears against a bead of the piston-shaped second valve closure member extending through an

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opening in the bowl bottom towards a valve seat member that is press-fitted below the transverse bore into the valve housing.

22. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 21.

wherein the second valve closure member is manufactured as a turned part from freecutting steel.

23. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17,

wherein the stop and the valve <u>sleeve</u> <u>housing</u> consist of a deepdrawn thin sheet <u>having pressure compensating openings</u>, and that <u>wherein</u> the pressure compensating openings and the transverse bore are punched or impressed therein.

24. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 14,

wherein the valve housing has a one-part design, and its open sleeve end remote from the second valve passage is closed by a plug acting as a magnet core and being configured as a cold-heading or extruded part.

25. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 14,

wherein the second valve passage is provided in a disc-shaped or sleeve-shaped valve seat member being configured as a turned part or cold-heading part in conformity with the demands of automation.

26. (Currently amended) Electromagnetic An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 14,

wherein the second valve closure member is designed as a sleeve bowl made in a deepdrawing operation, the bowl bottom accommodating the first valve passage cooperating with the first valve closure member, and in that close to the bowl bottom the peripheral surface of the second valve closure member is penetrated by transverse bores which are positioned in the horizontal plane of a transverse bore connected to the pressure fluid inlet to

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form a flow route with least possible rerouting, said transverse bore extending through the valve housing in a horizontal direction.

27. (New) An electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second valve closure member further comprises a hollow bottom portion penetrated by at least one transverse bore extending in a horizontal plane through the bottom portion.